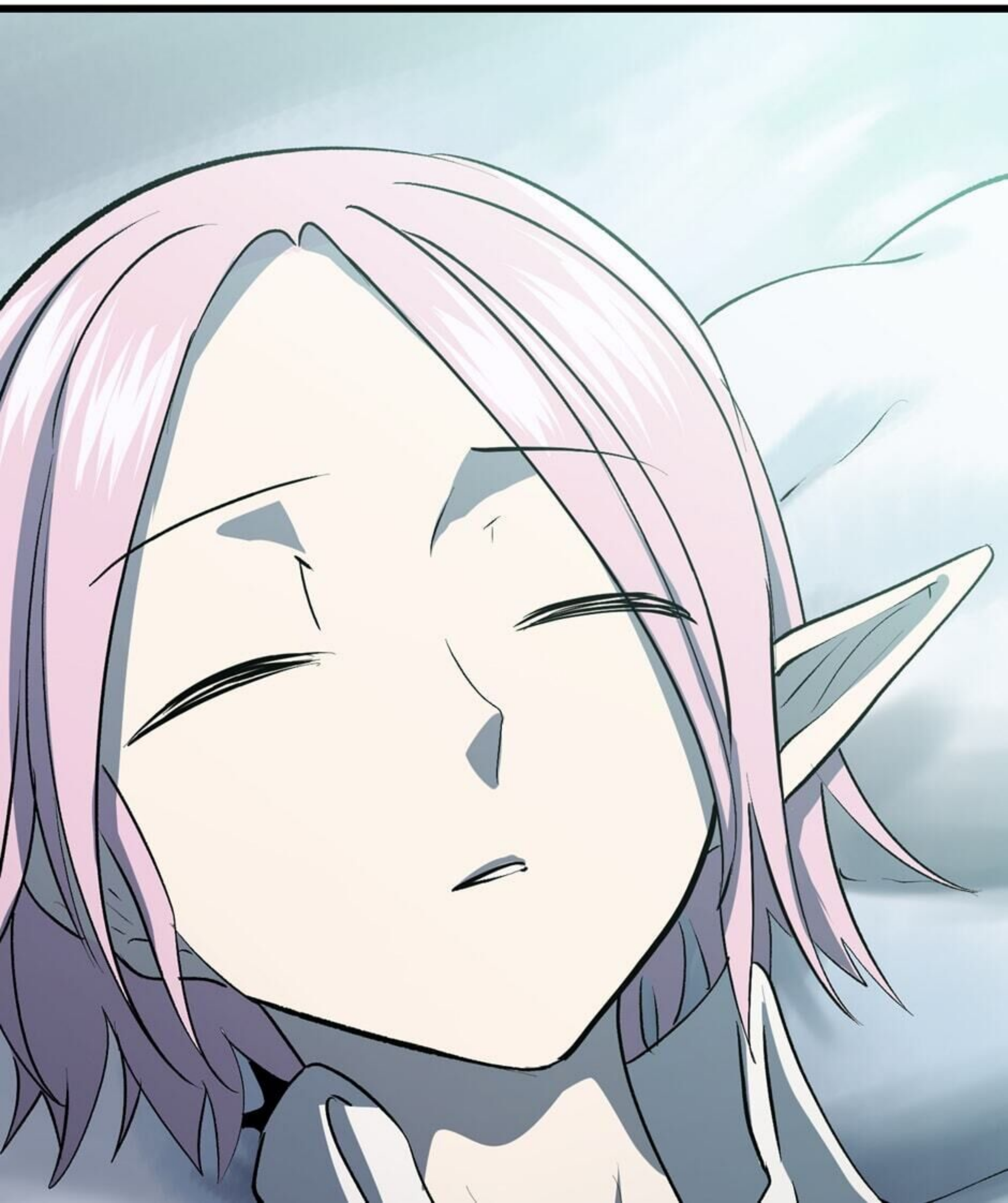
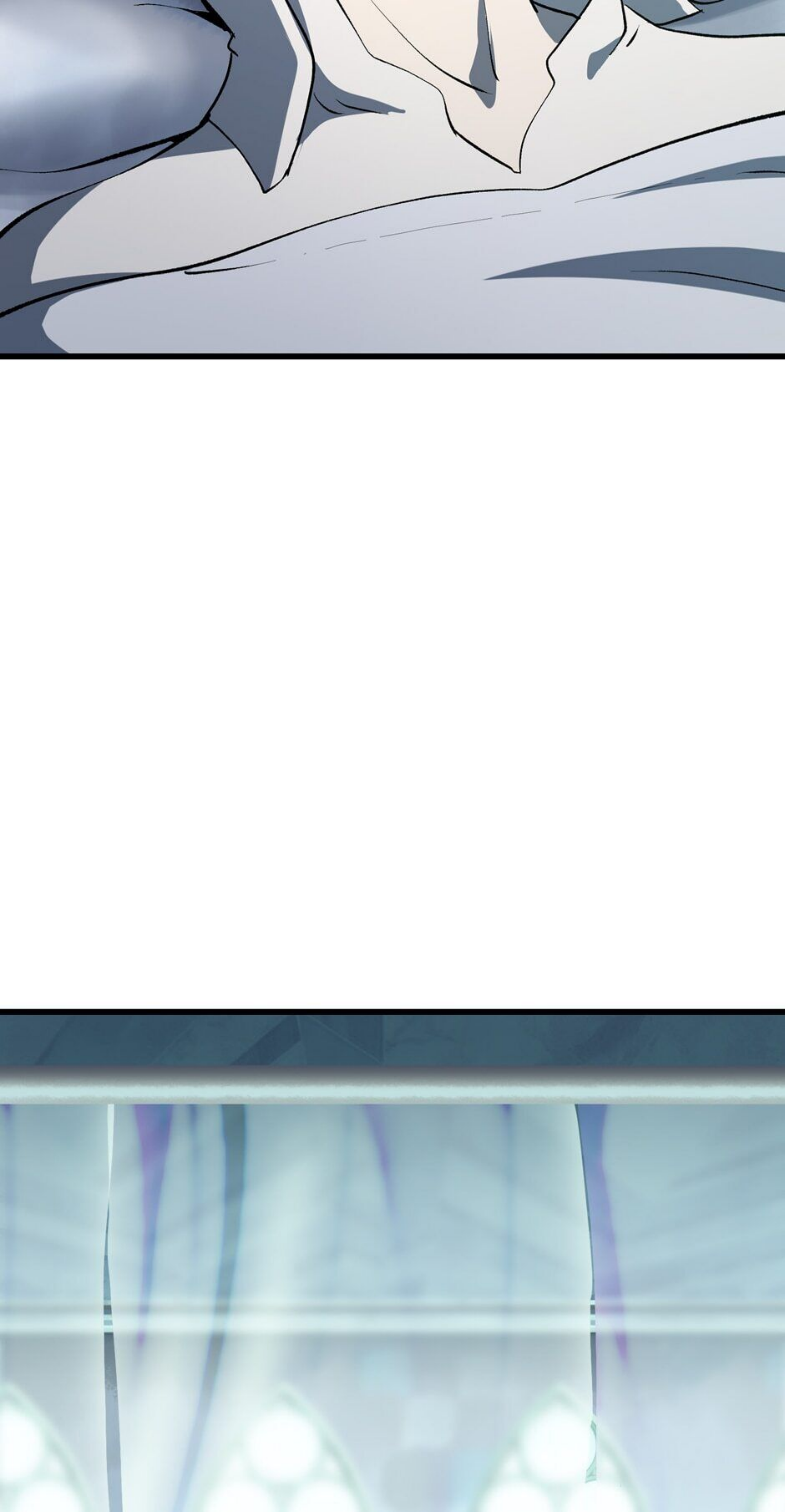




I HOPE
RAONDEL WAKES
UP SOON...

KIBIER WENT SOMEWHERE LOOKING WORRIED TOO...
I KNOW, RIGHT?

BUT THE REAL PROBLEM IS HOLIEN.

I'M CERTAIN HOLIEN DOESN'T HAVE OMPHALOS' BLESSING.

OMPHALOS' BLESSING ALLOWS EVEN REGULAR LATNIANS TO VIEW OTHERS' LEVELS.

THAT'S TRUE... SHE WOULD'VE BEEN SURPRISED TO SEE HAN— I MEAN, PELADD'S LEVEL.

SHE DID TREAT HIM RIGHT AWAY, SO MAYBE SHE'S NOT SUCH A BAD PERSON.

I FELT THE REST
OF MY AURA EVAPORATING
WHEN SHE WAS TREATING ME.

IF HOLIEN BECOMES OUR ENEMY RIGHT NOW, IT'LL BE THE END OF US.

THE ONLY REASON SHE DIDN'T ATTACK US IS THAT SHE HASN'T FIGURED OUT WHO WE ARE... IT'S DANGEROUS JUST COMING ACROSS HER.

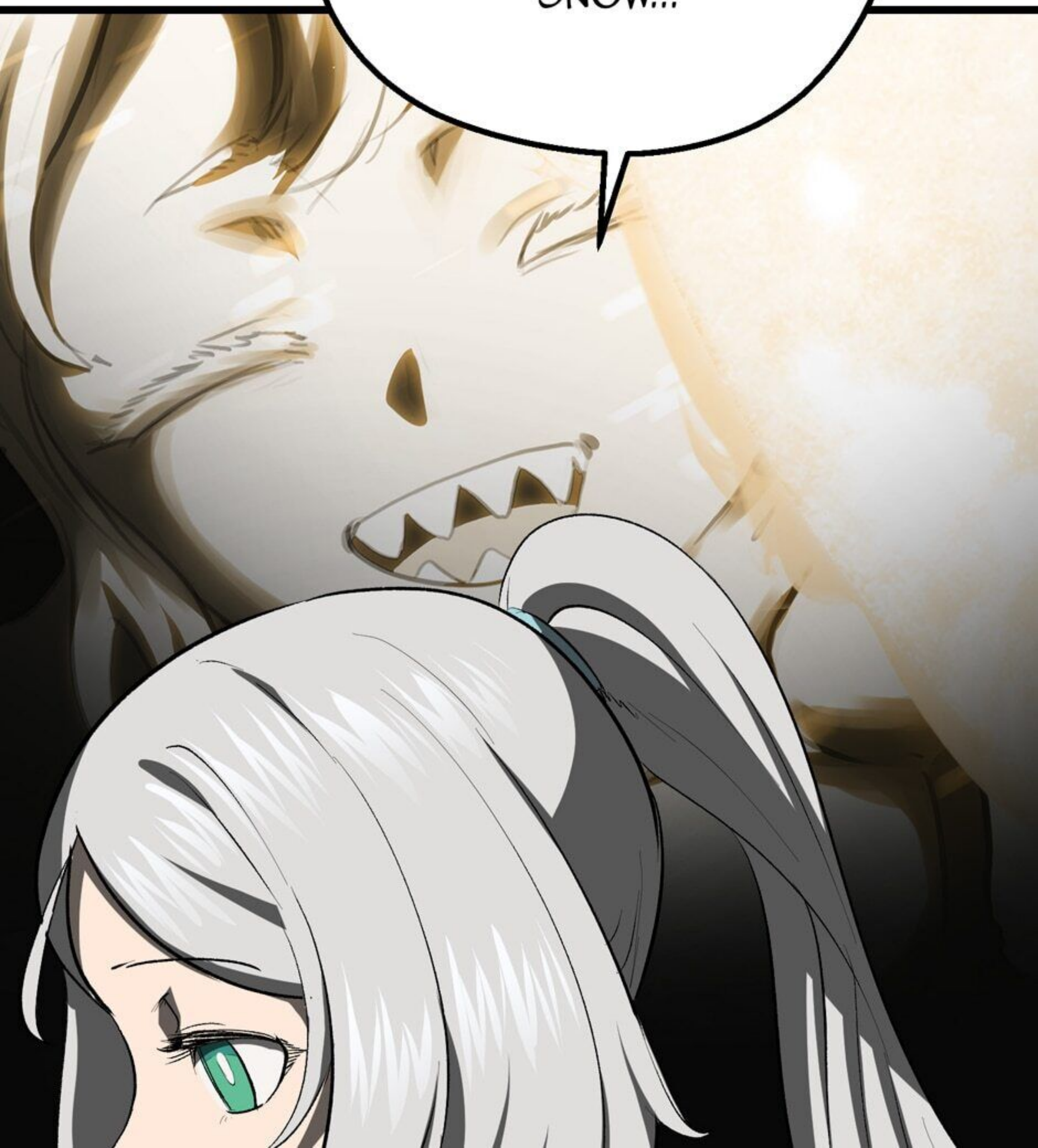
IT'S TOO RISKY TO BET THAT SHE'S NOT ON GARHAN OR ZENOVIA'S SIDE.

RUSTLE
THEY WERE IN THE SAME PARTY BEFORE, JUST LIKE US.

FINDING PAUTAULT IS OUR BEST AND ONLY WAY OUT OF THIS.
AND WE HAVE TO DO THAT BEFORE THOSE ANGEL BASTARDS

POUR OUT FROM OTHER GATES.

WE HAVE TO STOP IT... AT LEAST FOR SNOW...



WHO'S 'SNOW'?

SWOOSH

NYAHAHAHA!

FRRRP
I AM THE SYLPH KING, THE RIGHTEOUS THIEF!

YOU'RE THOSE HUNTERS THE ELVEN KINGDOM HIRED, RIGHT~?

HEY, THAT'S MY NECKLACE! WHEN DID YOU—

SYLPHS LIVE ON TOP OF THE WORLD TREE... WHY ARE YOU HERE?

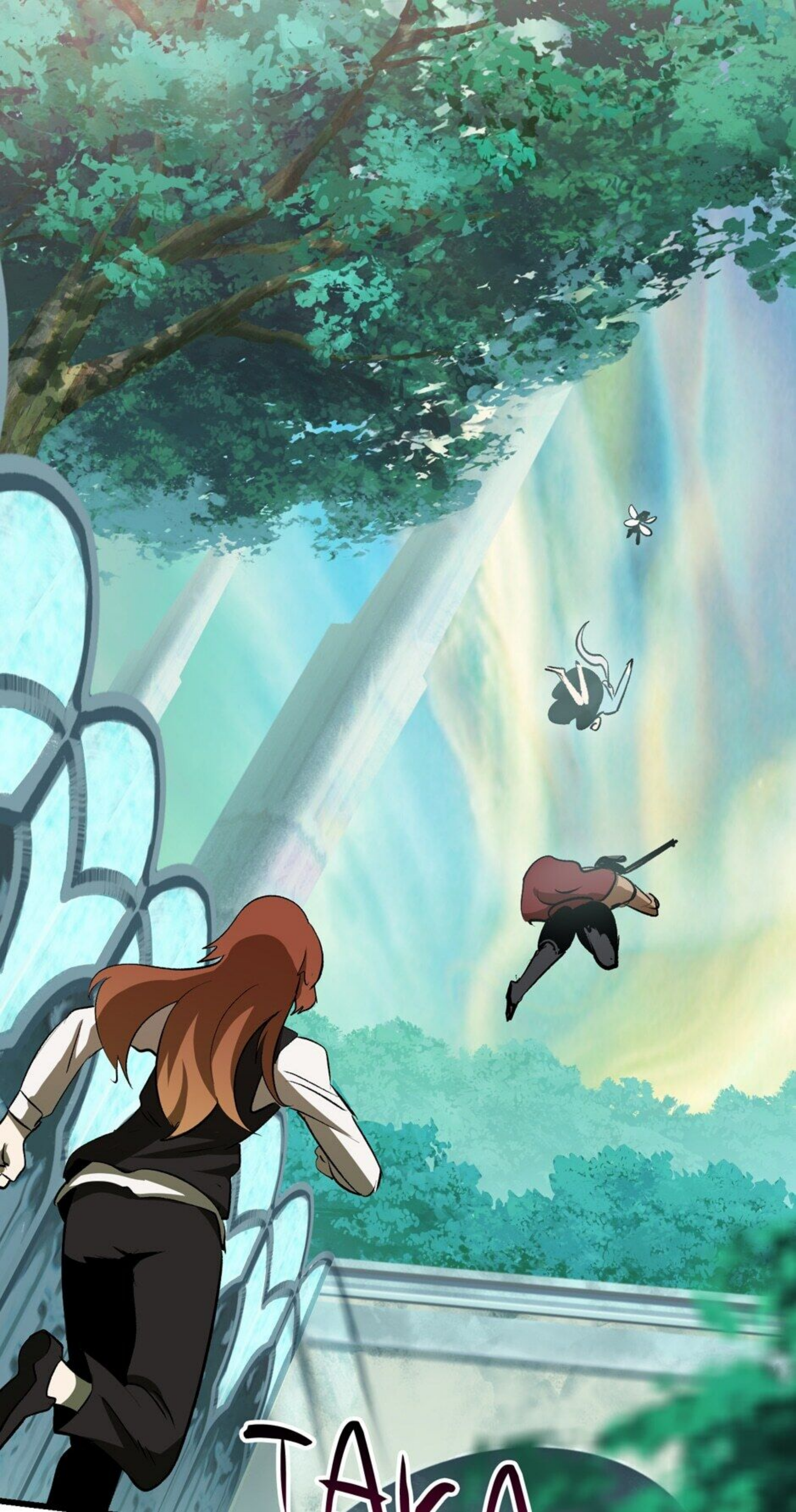
'RIGHTEOUS THIEF,' MY ASS!
WHO SENT YOU?

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, YOU'LL HAVE TO CATCH ME FIRST~!

STOP
RIGHT THERE!

FWICK

AH...!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HE PURPOSELY LED US TO THIS FOREST FAR AWAY FROM THE PALACE...

HE WANTS TO HAVE A GO AT US, RIGHT?
HIHIHI...!

IT'S NOT ME
WHO WANTS TO FIGHT
THE VALTARAN~

CHAK

COME OUT...!

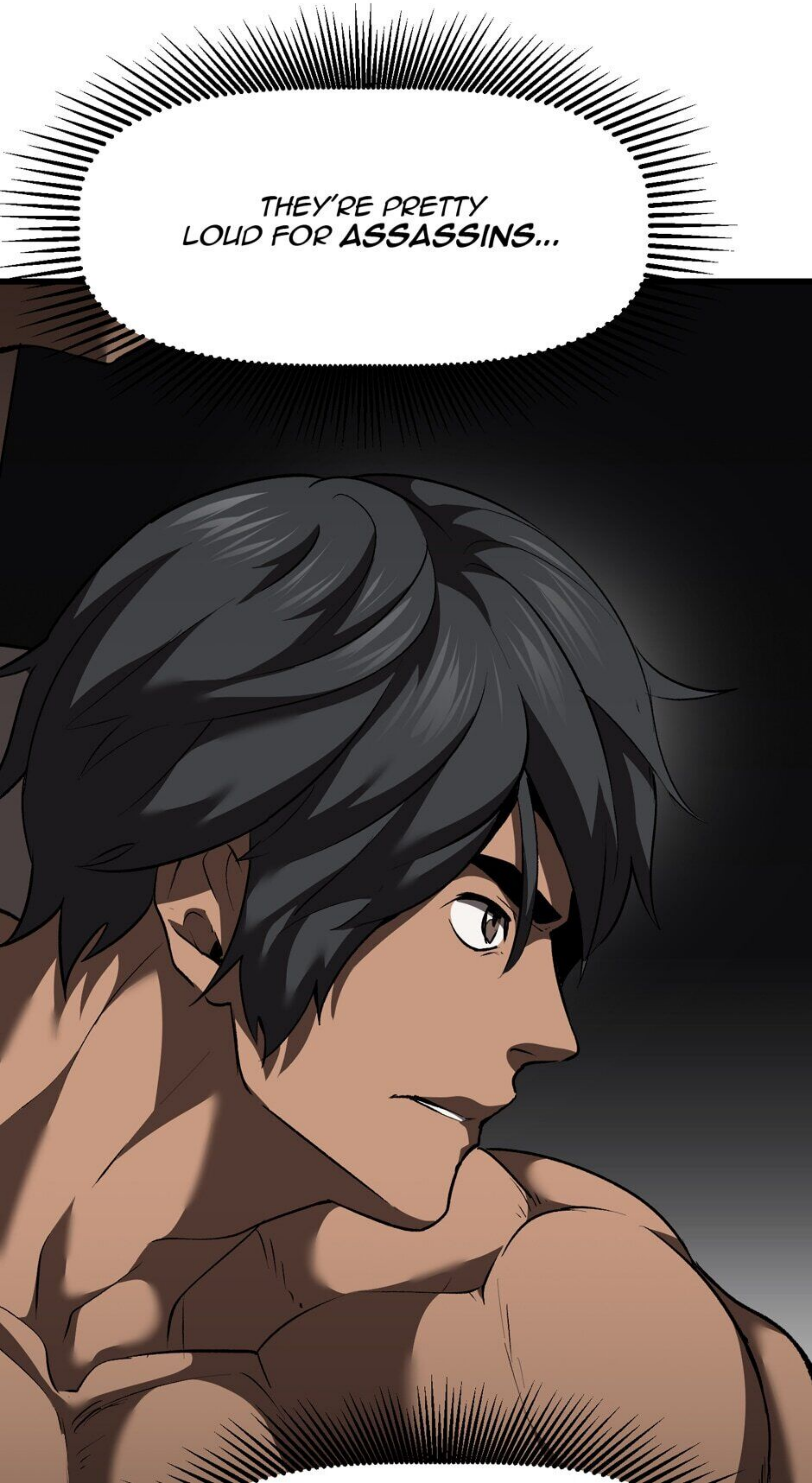
DWARF WARRIOR!

BUM

HMM...!

VALTARAN WARRIOR.

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO TEST OUT MY LATEST WEAPON.


THEY'RE PRETTY LOUD FOR ASSASSINS...

I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO **BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF THEM** TO FIND OUT WHO SENT THEM...!

HM... I GUESS HE DOESN'T PLAN ON GOING EASY ON ME JUST BECAUSE I'M A KING.

HE TAKES HIS BATTLES SERIOUSLY REGARDLESS OF STATUS OR CLASS... **EXCELLENT!**

I JUST BROUGHT HIM OVER SO THE DWARF KING COULD TEST HIS NEW WEAPON...

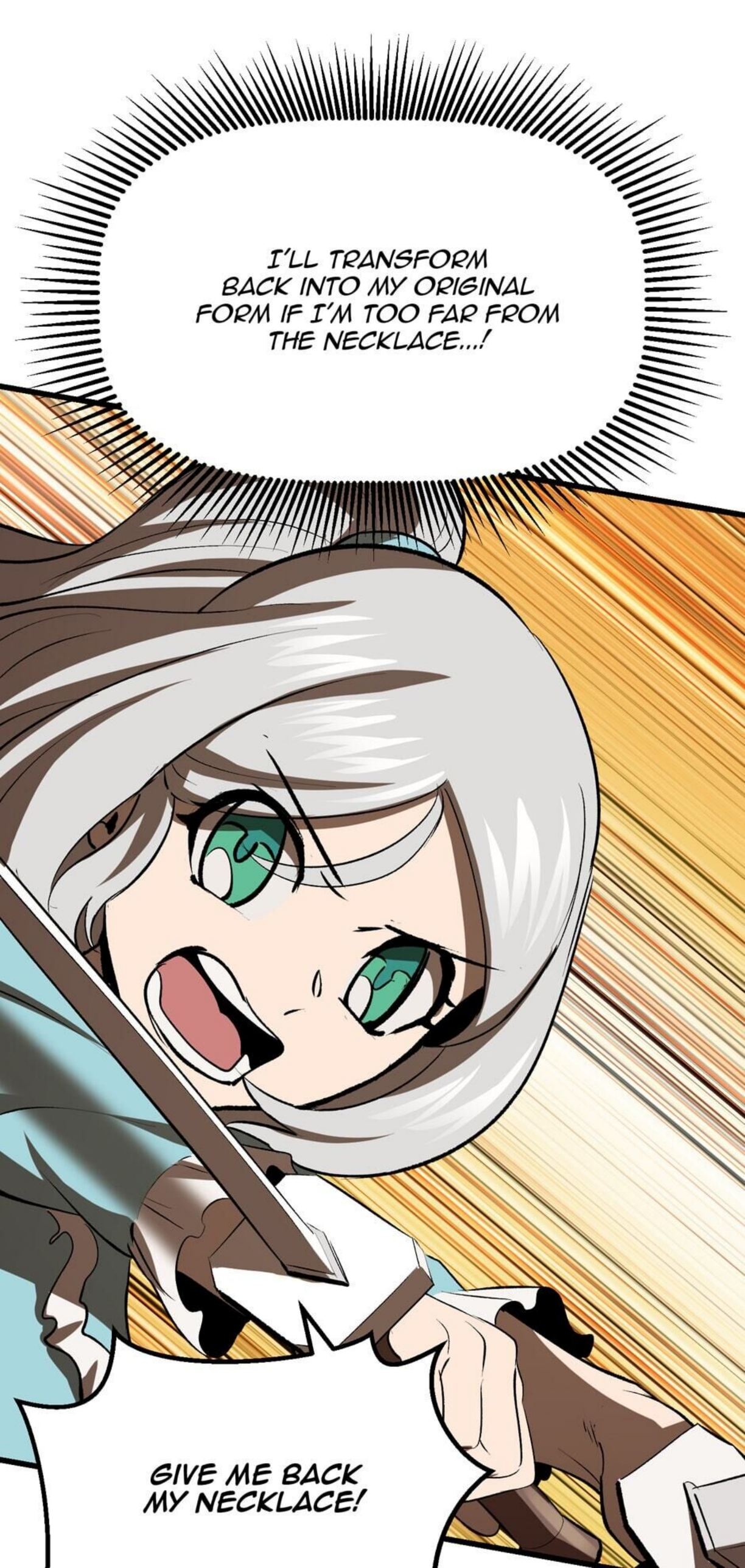
THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME SORT OF A MISUNDERSTANDING~
I COULD JUST JUMP IN AND STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT NOW, BUT~

THIS NECKLACE...

...LOOKS JUST LIKE AN ARTIFACT QUEEN HOLIEN USED TO CARRY AROUND~!

HUP!

SWING


I'LL TRANSFORM BACK INTO MY ORIGINAL FORM IF I'M TOO FAR FROM THE NECKLACE...!
GIVE ME BACK MY NECKLACE!

THEY'RE WORTH DIGGING INTO A LITTLE MORE~
BUT I'D BETTER GO SOMEWHERE ELSE~

I DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT BETWEEN THOSE TWO FIGHTING~
FWUP

STONE SPITTER
WH-WHAT'S THAT?

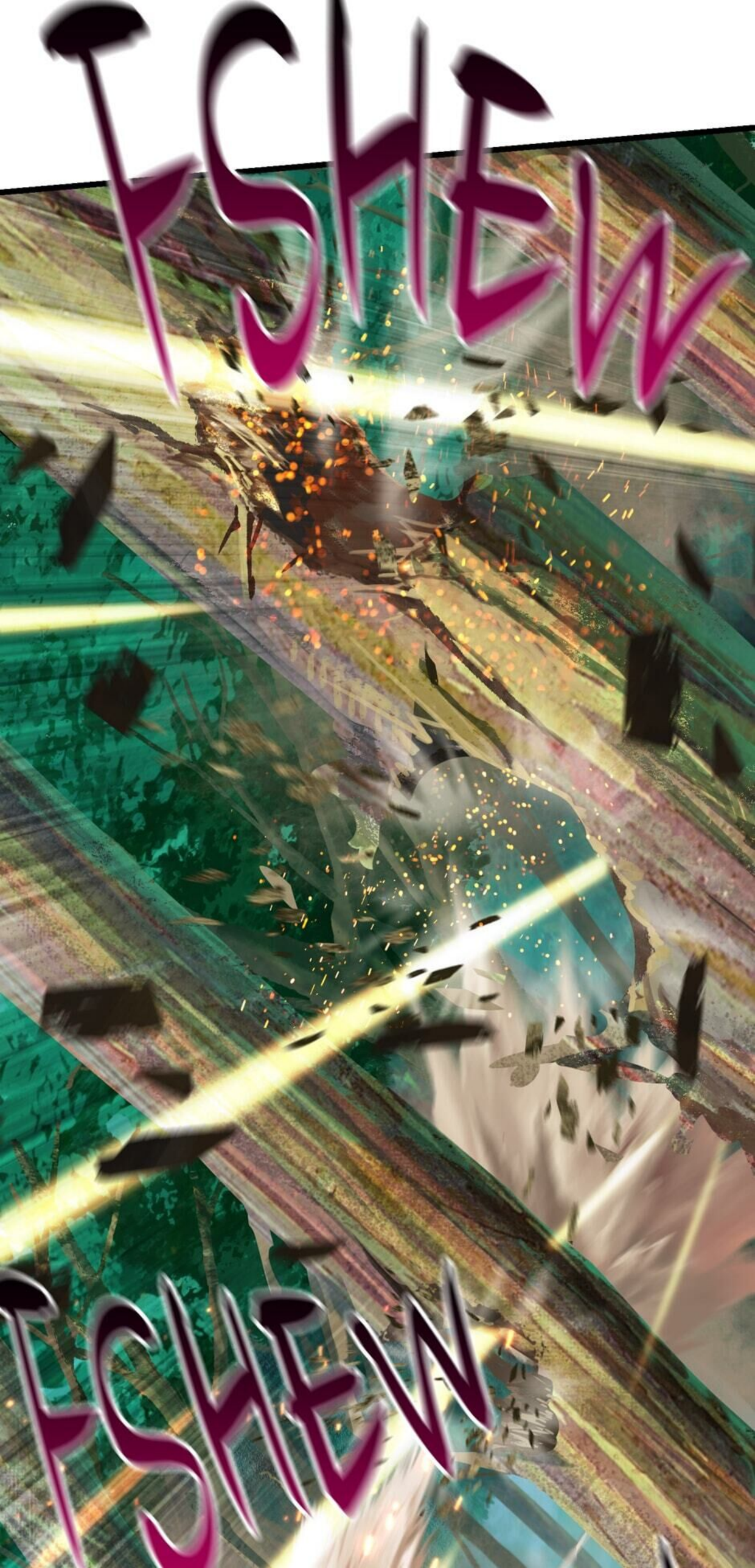
A MAGIC-POWERED, AUTOMATIC PROJECTILE FIRING DEVICE, MADE WITH THE DWARF KINGDOM'S LATEST TECHNOLOGY!

SIT BACK, RELAX... AND TASTE THE FIRE!

RATATATAT
RATATA

TATATAT
TATATATA-

RATATATA
TATATAT


TSHEW
TSHEW

FSHEW

FSHEW

TATATAT

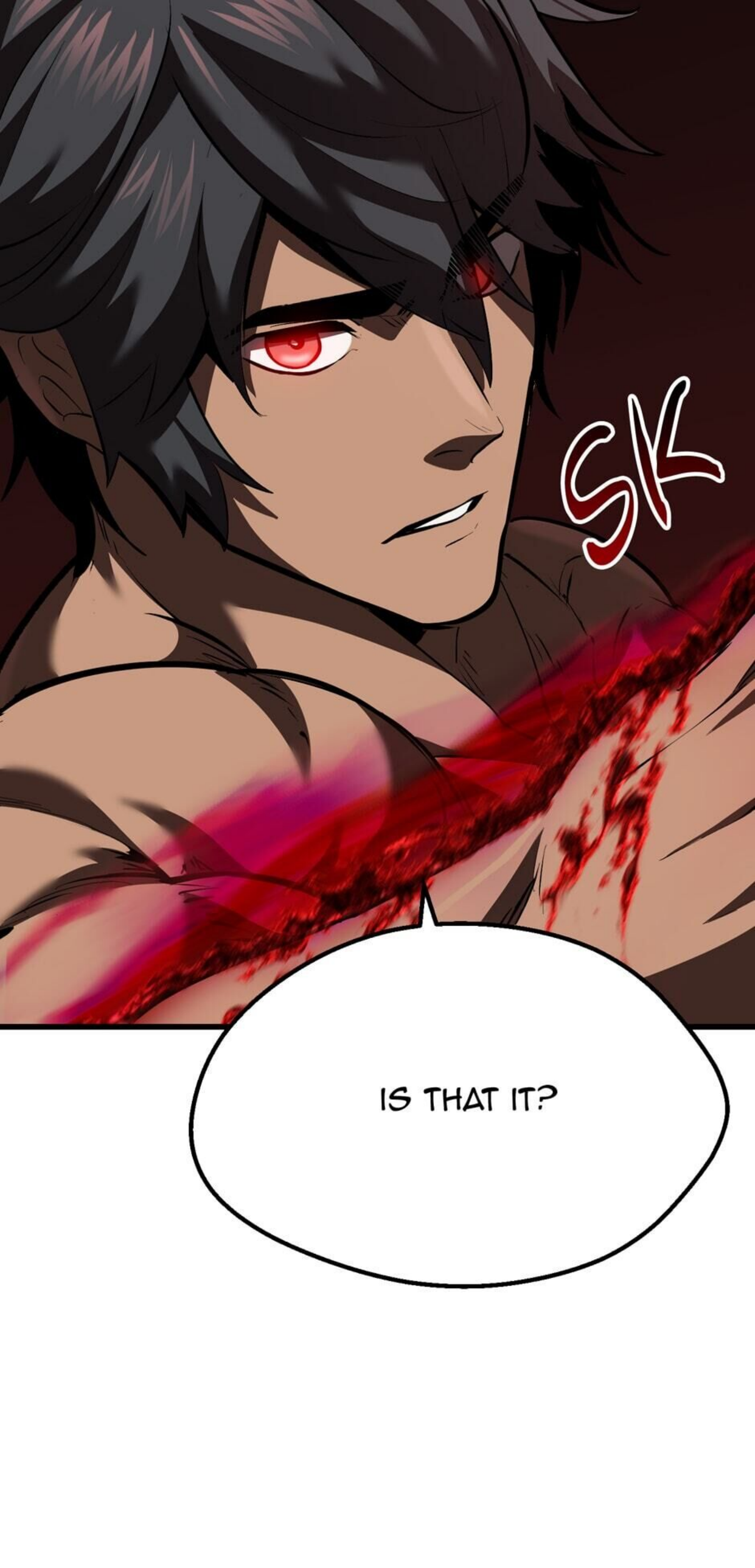
CLINK
CLINK
CLINK
DRRRR

SHWOOOO

HUH,
OUT OF AMMO
ALREADY?

BUT...

THIS TEST ROUND DIDN'T SERVE ITS PURPOSE...
SEEING THAT IT DIDN'T PENETRATE HIS WALL OF AURA AT ALL...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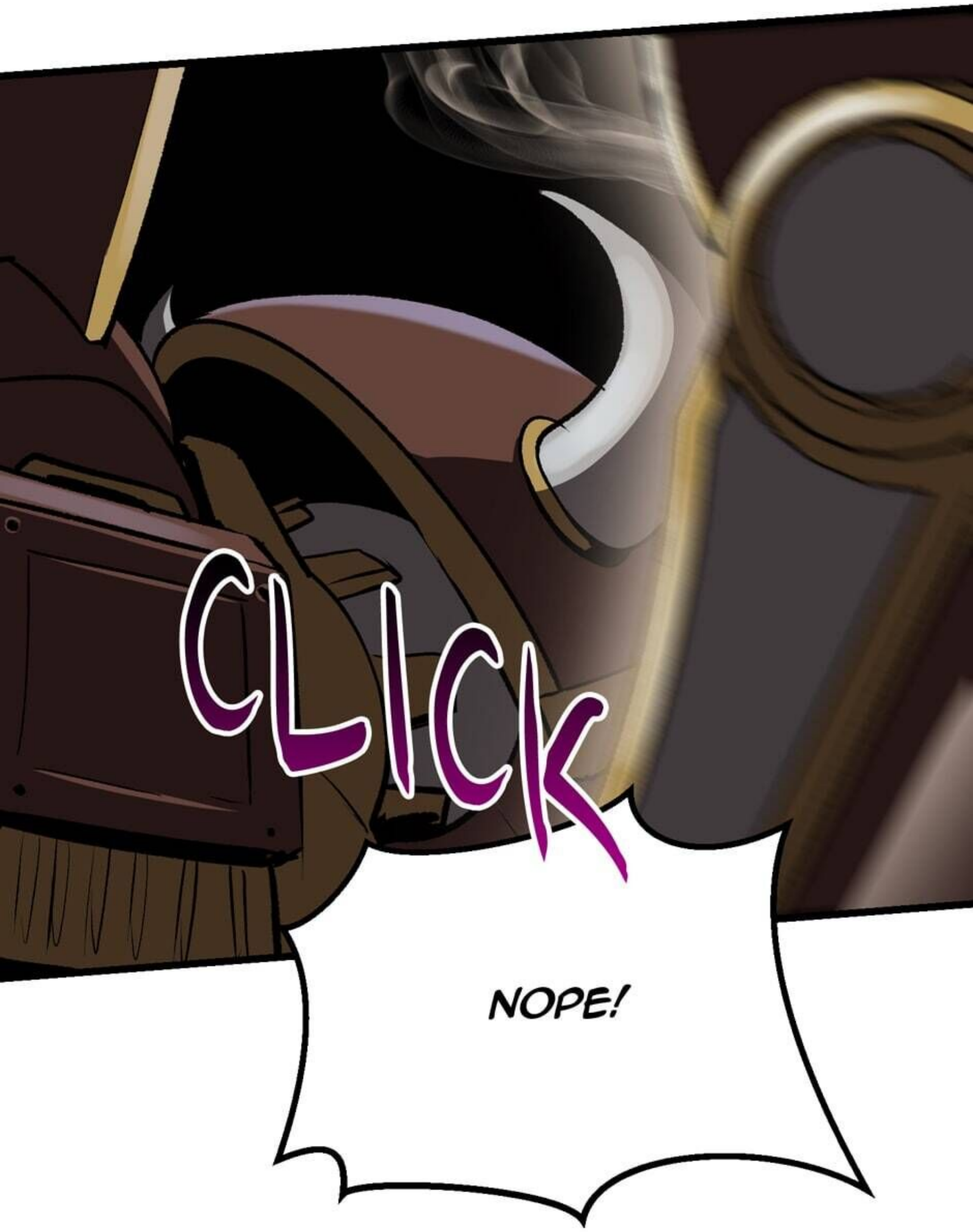
IS THAT IT?



I'VE
CONSIDERED
THE SITUATION WHERE
LONG-DISTANCE

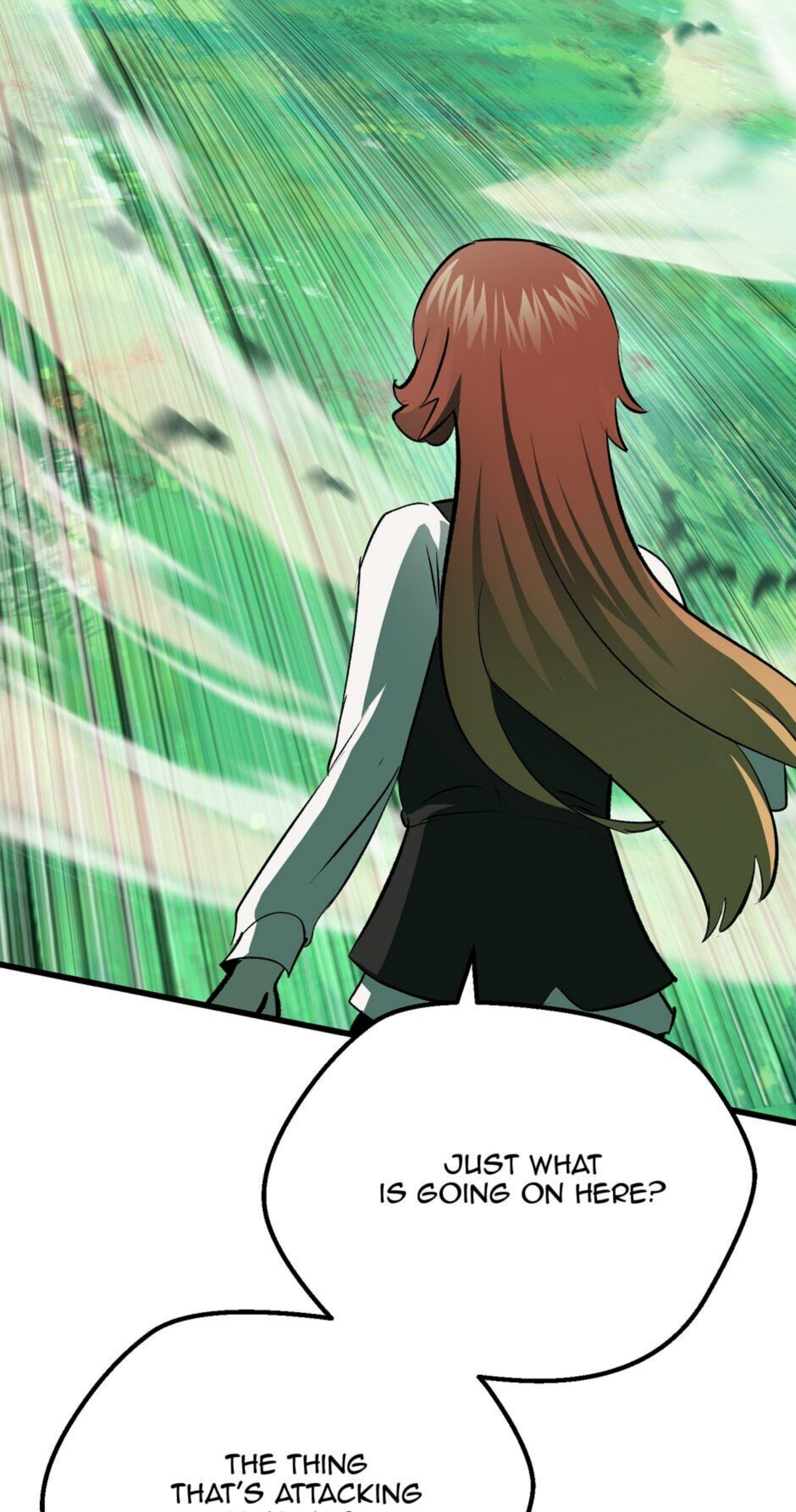
FIRING IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE!

BOOM

I'M JUST BARELY GETTING STARTED!

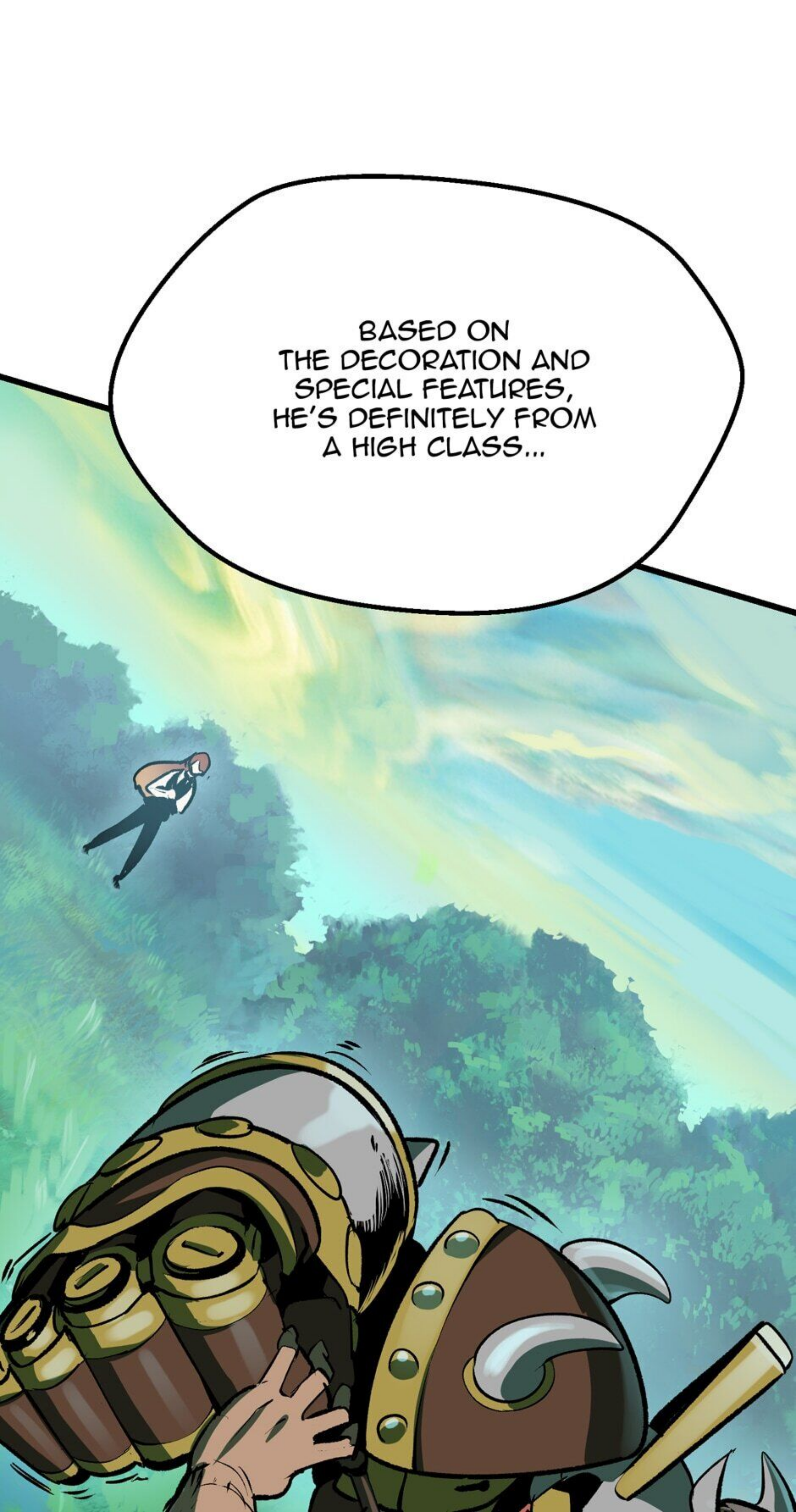
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD

DWARVEN TECHNOLOGY IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST!


JUST WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
THE THING THAT'S ATTACKING

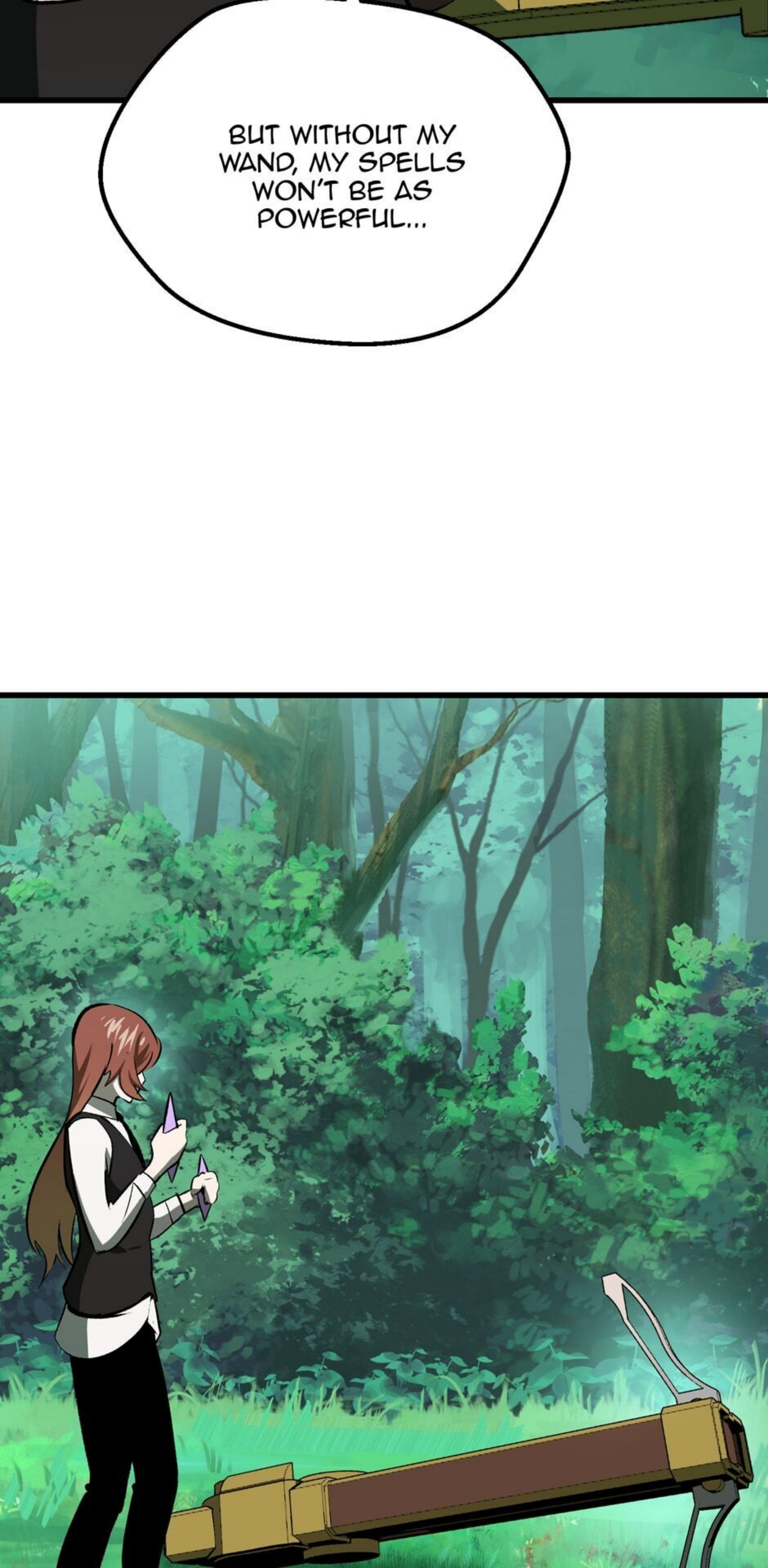
HANBIN IS...

'DREADNOM,'
THE DWARF KINGDOM'S
CLOSE-COMBAT
MAGIC TANK?!

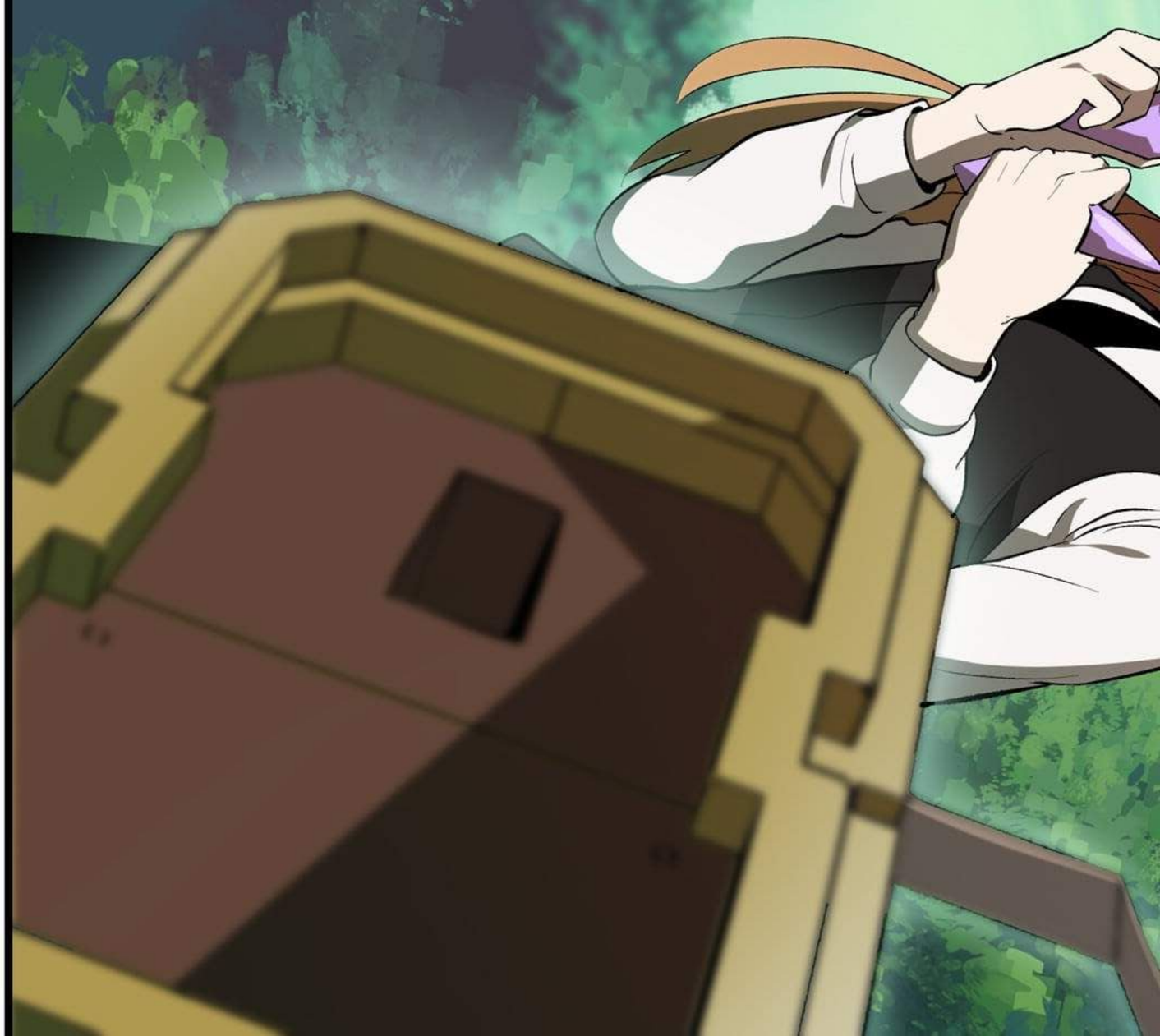

BASED ON THE DECORATION AND SPECIAL FEATURES, HE'S DEFINITELY FROM A HIGH CLASS...

IT MIGHT BECOME A NATIONAL ISSUE IF HANBIN DESTROYS HIM IN THIS FIGHT!

I BROUGHT SOME MAGIC STONES JUST IN CASE,


BUT WITHOUT MY WAND, MY SPELLS WON'T BE AS POWERFUL...

THIS IS...



SYLPHS CAN
START FLYING AS SOON AS
THEY START WALKING.

NO OTHER SPECIES CAN CATCH ANY SYLPH, ESPECIALLY IF WE'RE PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK ON NARROW AND COMPLEX TERRAIN LIKE THIS~

BUT...

...YOU CAUGHT UP TO ME BY USING MAGIC?!

SHE LOOKS
LIKE SHE'S USED TO
RIDING THE WIND~

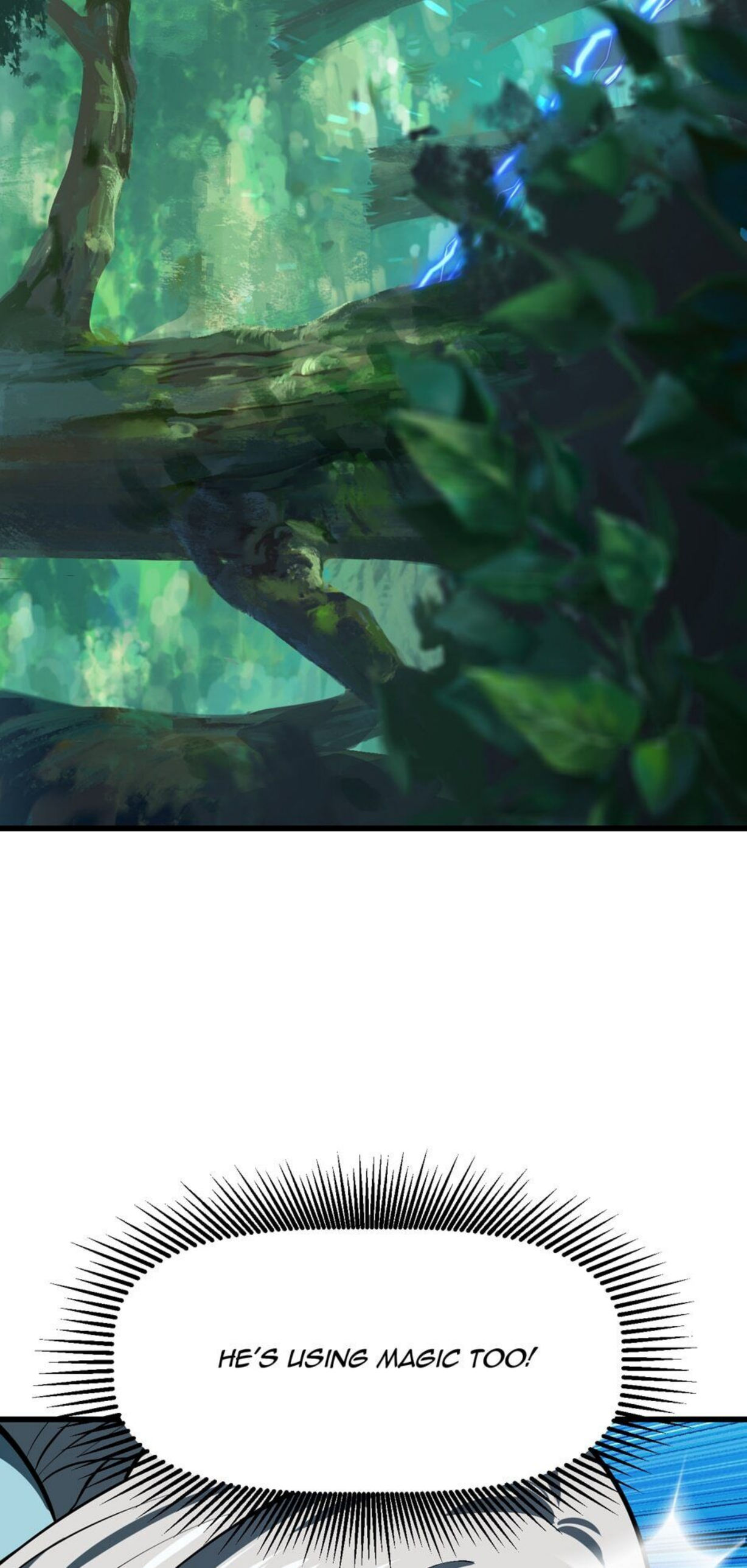
IT'S BECAUSE YOU SLOWED DOWN.

I BET YOU'RE GETTING TIRED SINCE YOU HAVE TO KEEP FLAPPING THOSE WINGS WITHOUT REST!

YOU'RE PRETTY QUICK~!

SK
HOW ABOUT THIS~?

FLASH


HE'S USING MAGIC TOO!

I KNOW
I JUST STOLE YOUR
NECKLACE...
BUT I
DON'T THINK IT
BELONGS TO YOU
ANYWAY~

TAK
WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME HOW YOU GOT YOUR HANDS ON IT?
THAT STORY'S NOT CHEAP ENOUGH TO SHARE WITH A THIEF!

GIVE IT BACK!
OTHERWISE...

WELL, HOW ABOUT THIS~?

IF YOU CAN TAKE THIS NECKLACE FROM ME WITHIN ***TEN MINUTES,*** I'LL GIVE UP AND WON'T ASK YOU ANY QUESTIONS~

BUT IF YOU CAN'T...

...I'LL MAKE YOU SPILL YOUR GUTS.

IT'S A RACE TO SEE IF YOUR MAGIC IS GOOD ENOUGH TO CATCH ME!

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE